



Nonimmigrant Visa Interview Waiver Program

A visa applicant who has already provided ten fingerprints at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate may not need to return to the Embassy to be fingerprinted and interviewed for a subsequent visa if, among other factors:

- The applicant reapplies within 12 months after the previous visa expires; and
- The applicant applies for a visa in the same visa classification as the previous visa. *Note: B-1 (business) and B-2 (tourist) are considered to be in the same class for the purpose of this program;*
- The applicant applies in his/her country of usual residence; and
- The applicant has complied with the immigration laws and regulations of the United States.

Visa applicants who fulfill these conditions may pay the application fee at any ATF Bank location and submit visa applications through DHL without coming personally to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy. However, a consular officer, after reviewing the application, may determine that a personal appearance is required.

Visa applicants who utilize this procedure must complete and sign all visa application forms, and must submit their passport along with photographs, the receipt for the application fee, and appropriate supporting documents. Detailed instructions concerning the nonimmigrant visa application process are located on the Embassy website: <http://kazakhstan.usembassy.gov>

Please note: persons applying for H, L and 12-month B-1/B-2 visas must pay an additional fee (in U.S. dollars only) at the Consular Section before their visas may be issued. There is no additional fee for student visas and 3-month B-1/B-2 visas.

If you believe that you qualify for this program, please print this handout and enclose it along with your visa application packet. Please indicate to DHL that your application should be sent to the Consular Section in Almaty. You do not need to schedule an appointment via the on-line appointment system.

In general, this process takes about two weeks. Applicants can check the status of their applications through the DHL tracking system www.dhl.kz

Fingerprints of travelers to the United States are verified by the Department of Homeland Security through the US-Visit process at U.S. ports of entry.